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THE visit of H.E. TANG SHAO-YI to the

United States as a Special Ambassador to convey to the President an expression of gratitude for the action of the United States in reference to the Boxer indemnity has given rise to much speculation in the American Press as to whether the visit did not have some additional significance. The letter from the late Emperor of China to the President, did not, however, contain a single phrase which could be construed into a hint of any desire for closer diplomatic relations, nor did His Excellency or the President let fall anything in the course of their speeches foreshadowing the Treaty negotiations so confidently predicted by a regiments during the present Chinese year. section of the American Press. Yet we northern contemporary stating that His Excellency Tang Shao-Yi's efforts

the United States to enter into

which the Special Ambassador

Mr. Boor, matters

alliance with China have failed

is natural to suppose that, at the

and possibly the Secretary of State was invited to express an opinion concerning the of the American Press. Tang. Shao-YI, East. however, is statesman enough to be able to anticipate the sort of reply he would receive. Apart from this matter which may be regarded as outside the pale of practical politics, the Special Ambassador doubtless, had many matters to talk over with the Secretary. In well-informed circles in Washington it was believed that financial questions would take a leading place in the discussions at these conferences This is not unlikely, for prior to leaving for the United States, Tang Shao-YI was much occupied with financial affairs. The need of foreign capital to assist in the develop. ment of the resources of the Empire was forcing itself prominently upon his attention, and it is highly probable, therefore, that questions of this character did figure largely in the conferences between Special Ambassador and Mr. Root. Tang Shao-Yi has a leaning towards any particular foreign country it is towards America. When, by virtue of the famous Edict of May 1906, he became Vice-Im- to four and a half pages. perial Commissioner of Customs. dispatched, under Dr. Tenny, a selected band of Chinese students to America for instruction in Western methods of adminis tration with a view to their becoming fitted to fill the higher posts in the Imperial Maritime Customs' service. Educational as well as financial questions were therefore probably discussed, but the only tangible result of these conferences that world has so far heard about is the decision of the United States Government to raise the Legation at Peking to the rank of an Embassy. When we recall how jealously the leading States have always striven to assert their superiority by resist. ing demands on the part of inferior States for a step in diplomatic rank, the report is somewhat surprising that the United states contemplates in this way the recognition of China as ranking equally with her in the diplomatic world. Though none of the Powers raised the status of their Legations in Japan. it has been reported that the elevation of the Legations in Tokyo has been a sore point with China, and that the hint has There does not yet appear to

been given to the Foreign Powers that China would like to be placed on the same footing in her diplomatic relations. any official confirmation of the report from Washington and, though it is quite possible that the United States may have flattered China by such a concession, it is doubtful

Sergt. Major Higby, the general staff officer of the Hongkong Volunteers, leaves for home on holiday next week.

whether the other Powers are at present

prepared to follow the example.

The Portuguese Lilliputians scored another success last night with their rendering of "The

Ankareta, daughter of Mr. C. Ewens, of Hong-

The dress rehearsal of "The Silver King" by the Kowloon Dock A.D.C. last night was very successful. It promises well for fine performances on Saturday and Monday nights.

"Nations and their rulers" was the subject of discussion at last night's meeting in connection with the universal week of prayer. The leader was the Rev. J. H. France.

The Governor of Ceylon paid a public tribute to the exemplary behaviour of the crews of the American battleships during the fleet's visit to

The special service cruiser Hawke, Captain Arthur H. Oldham, in the Home Fleet, has been detailed to proceed this month from her port to Hongkong with the relief crews and ratings for the China Squadron.

In a lecture at the Society of Arts, London, Dr. Mott said he had been devoting a great deal of attention lately to the brains of the Chinese, and had discovered that they were possessed of very fine brains indeed.

To "speed away" 1908, and to "welcome" 1909, the Members of the Amoy Club gave on the 31st December, a Fancy Dress Ball at the Club Theatre, which the Amoy Gazette

The Regent has ordered the Grand Council Examination Scheme. It is hoped that the to again send despatches to the various Provincial authorities, urging them to submit proposals in connection with the abolition of the eight banner vertisements will prove an incentive to many

The question of meeting the enormous reducobserve that a telegram is published in a tion in the revenue of China which will result from the suppression of opium has recently been considered by the controllers of the Customs at Peking and it is proposed to tax all articles of

A peculiar theft was reported to the police yesterday. A lady's bicycle valued at \$45 was stolen from the latrine at Bowrington Canal. Another theft was that of a private ricsha which affecting the policy of the two countries in was taken from the side channel at 267, Des regard to each other were freely discussed, \ Voux Road.

Senhor Gonsalves Pereira, the Brazilian Mr. H. Classen, of Melchers and Company TELEGRAMS. Minister to China and Japan, was in London sppeared to prosecute an earth coolie for steallast month. His Excellency intended spending ing a gold ring belonging to him. He had left

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The sentence on four of the murderers of the late Dr. Barrack, at Knantan, Straits Settlements has been commuted to imprisonment for life, while Chia Sam, the ringleader, and three others were to be executed, on January 4th.

A scheme has been formulated by the Grand Council at Peking with the assistance of the Board of War for the unifying of all the military forces of the Empire, the Regent being Commander-in-Chief.

Between Monday evening and Tuesday morning there were stolen from a drawer in Messrs. Deacon. Looker and Deacon's office stamps to the value of \$140.60. The stamps ranged from ten cents to fifty cents, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10. An office coolie who is missing is suspected.

No fewer than fifteen pages of the Perak Gazette are occupied by notices concerning the resumption or sale of land by the Government for abandonment, arrears of rent, or breach of conditions. In the Batang Padang district alone the list of those who are called upon to show cause why land should not be forfeited for breach of the labour clause runs

a new crew will be despatched to Hongkong this | tain Price should be able to count upon being month, and on arrival there Captain Erskine reimbursed as soon as it is an airship in esse. will pay off the old crew and his successor will recommission the cruiser. Captain Erskine's period of command expires on Jan. 12th and also the foreign service of 20 other officers of the Bedford.

We have been hearing so much about a reform of the Chinese currency during the past twelve months, and seeing so little of any actual results that one is almost tired of reading of the Chinese Government "proposals." But the latest is worth noting. We are indebted to a Peking contemporary for the information that "the Government proposes to endeavour to institute a gold currency next year." It has been suggested by an official that 15 Chinese half-tael coins should equal one pound sterling.

It will be remembered that the form in which Reuter's summary of the Rosebery Committee Report on reform of the House of Lords until after the abolition of extra-territoriality | conveyed the impression that ex-Governors of Ceylon, Hongkong, the Straits Settlements etc. would be awarded seats in the improved Upper House. This, however, is not borne out by the text of the report to hand by last mail. Governorships of a Crown Colony will only qualify for a seat in the case of persons who are hereditary peers-namely, it will raise them to the higher degree of "Lords of Parliament."

> An instance of a man who preferred prison to liberty was discovered yesterday when a Chinese was brought before the Magistrate on a charge of returning from banishment Apparently he found difficulty in getting his daily bread in the country and he resolved to return to Hongkong and enter prison. He came up to the Police Station, gave his name, number of photograph, so that his identification was easy. As it was found that he had been banished, the Magistrate granted the man's wish by sending him to prison for six months.

By kind permission of Major Evans and The marriage of Comte de Silguy to Officers, the band of the 13th Rajputs under Bandmaster Coke will play the following prokong, was celebrated at Bayswater on Dec. 3rd. gramme of music, at the King Edward Hotel, during dinner, on Thursday the 7th January. 1909 (weather permitting):---

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matters. He was well known as an unrivalled authority in regard to Chinese finance, and was frequently consulted by the Government on questions having a bearing on t." Sir Ewen Cameron died at his London residence, and the interment took place at Inverniss. His age was 67.

Mr. W. B. Mason has consented to be the permanent secretary of the British Association in connection with the Japanese Language prizes offered to candidates passing the third stage under the conditions outlined in the id Britishers to enter for these examinations, have reported to the Viceroy that they could which were only commenced some six months ago. Mr. V. G. Bowden, after eight money, study, has already passed the required standed. The first prize out of the fund has therefore been awarded to him. There are now stut 275 members of the Association. The Conmittee elected at the annual meeting, held month, is as follows:-Chairman, Mr. F. F. Sale; Vice-Chairman, Mr. H. D. C. Jons: Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. H. Cole Watsu Committee : Messrs. P. S. Bent, A. J. Corns. L. J. Healing, J. Williamson Jones, C. Marshall Martin, and J. C. Ward.

recent advocacy of an alliance by a section a few days in Paris before returning to the it in the bath room of his residence at Peak Boad, and as it could not be found, suspicion fell upon the earth ocolie. She was taxed with it next/morning, and on confessing, was handed over to the police. Mr. Kemp sentenced her to

one month's imprisonment.

Captain Price's airship made an ascent at Shanghai on Christmas Day, but the N.C. Daily News says, misfortune dogged its path, for almost immediately something went wrong with the engine and the airship became a mere non-dirigible balloon. The wind carried it, at varying altitudes, in the direction of Woosung, and ultimately the æronaut was compelled to let out the gas and descended near a Chinese village some ten miles away. While he was engaged in making arrangements for the transport of the airship back to Shanghai, Chinese curiosity or mania for curio-hunting prompted these spectators to make off with most of the framework, which had been damaged by the fall, and to test the workmanship of the balloon by inserting knives into the silk. Ultimately, towards 3 a.m. the truant airship returned to head quarters on the shoulders of fourteen coolies. General sympathy will be felt with Captain Price in his misfortune; but, doubtless, he will be well advised to postpone, as he intends, a further flight for a few months until he has perfected his vessel. The ascent on Friday of the "Messenger" shows that the situation in China will be that Captain Price has an airship in posse, and The county cruiser Bedford, Captain Seymonr | renders pardonable the enthusiasm which led E. Erskine, will terminate her two years' com- him to advertise prematurely its capabilities. mission with the China Squadron next month. The money already spent on the ship amounts, She will be kept on the station, and to that end | we understand, to a good round sum, but Cap-

> The Dalai Lama, when he left Peking at 7.0 a.m. on the 21st. ult., was escorted to the station many high officials. Amongst these were Prince Kung, H.E. Chang Ying Tang, H.E. Ta Shou, the Comptroller of the Imperial | matter. Household, the Police Magistrate and a number of military officers. The Prince Regent, H.E. Chang Chih Tung, Prince Ching, H.E. Yuan Shih Kai, H.E. Shih Hsu, H.E. Lu Ch'uan Lin and other high officials sent him valuable presents, Mr. Rockhill, the Minister for the United States, called on the Dalai Lama on the 20th instant and presented him with a porcelain jar and stand. The Board of Finance has reported to the Imperial Household that the total amount expended in connection with the visit of the Dalai Lama, including all presents, amounts to about 200,000 Taels. The presents made to the Dalai Lama by the Throne are as follows:-8 Horses, 20,000 Taels, in cash; 8 pieces porcelain, 8 pieces glassware, 4 pieces fur, 16 pieces silk and about 150 pieces of edible delicacies. His Combo have also been recipients of many presents. In returning thanks to the Throne he presented a golden "joss" which was accepted. The Government has promised the Dalai Lama to see to the instruction of your students which he will send from Thibet at the beginning of the next year.

THE CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY LOAN.

Cable news has reached Canton, our correspondent says, that the Wai-wu-pu have negotiated a loan of £2,000,000 with a British Syndicate for the Liang-Hu sections of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

On the 3rd instant His Excellency Chang Chi Tung dispatched a telegram to Viceroy Chang in which he reminded the Viceroy that the Canton-Hankow Railway will be one of the most important railways in China and that the construction of same cannot be delayed any longer. The Liang-Hu sections of the trunk tine being much longer than the Kwangtung section, it would cost a larger sum of money to construct than the two other sections. H.E. Chang Chi Tung further states that he had consulted with their Excellencies Chan Kwei Loong and Shum Chun Ming with regard to obtaining the necessary funds for the construction of the Liang-Hu sections and that both were in favour of a foreign loan,

It was decided to request the Wai-wu-pu to The London Times, in noticing the death of negotiate for the loan with a British firm whose Sir Ewen Cameron, K.C.M.G., late London representative had already arrived in Peking, manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai and Ko Ling Wai and Tsang Kwong Yung were Banking Corporation, said of him :- "Sir Ewen | delegated to enter into negotiations. As funds Cameron has been greatly missed in the City are being raised for the speedy construction since his retirement nearly four years ago. He of the Liang Hu section, the part of the line had a wide circle of friends and a great many which is under the control of Viceroy acquaintances, who appreciated leeply his Chang, must not be allowed to be deunfailing courtesy, as well as hi remarkable layed any longer. Chang Chi Tung added power of expressing himself on all business that he understood that the Kwangtung gentry are people who have always been very energetic in subscribing for railway shares—a thing that has hitherto never been done by the people in any of the other provinces,-but he is not aware of the actual amount subscribed by the Cantonese or whether the amount subscribed is sufficient for the construction of the whole Kwangtung section of the line. If there should be any shortage, it would be necessary that if should be covered in the Liang Hu loan, which of Japan. A prize fund has just been opened would serve to expedite the construction of the Kwangtung section. In conclusion, H.E. (hang Chi Tung requests Viceroy Chang to instruct the gentry of Kwangtung to go into the question at once and cable the decision as soon as possible. It is reported that the Kwangtung gentry

get the necessary funds for the construction of the section of the line at this end without the help of a foreign loan.

If that is the case then the Canton-Hankow Railway Company of Kwangtung does not participate in the loan closed with the British : yndicate by the Wai-wu-pu.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. str. Awa Maru (European Line) left Singapore on the 5th inst., and is expected here on the 11th inst. The H.-A. Linie str. Andalusia left Singspore on 6th inst. at 7 a.m., and may be expected

here on 12th inst. a.m.

JAPAN'S SYMPATHY WITH ITALY.

Tokyo, January 6th. The Red Cross Society of Japan opening a national earthquake fund for the relief of the sufferers in Italy. Baron Komura, Minister of Foreign Affairs, convened a private meeting to-day at the Foreign Office, and Yen

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70,000 was subscribed on the spot. The Mitsui, the Mitsu Bishi and the Bank of Japan have each contributed Yen 10,000 to the fund.

JAPAN AND THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Tokyo, January 6th. The Japanese Press is confident undisturbed Yuan Shih-Kai's removal from office.

While regretting his loss as a friend to Japan, the leading papers express the opinion that the negotiations on pending questions between the two countries will suffer no check.

The Foreign Office is silent on the

THE STRAITS OPIUM REPORT.

SINGAPORE, January 6th. Official authority has been given to-day for the publication of the Report of the Straits Commission on the Opium Question.

REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG - DAILY PRESS. "]

YUAN SHIH-KAI.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT APPREHENSIVE.

LONDON, January 5th. Reuter's Agency is informed that the Government regards the situation arising out of the dismissal of Yuan Shih-Kai as fraught with serious possibilities.

Sir John Jordan, (British Minister Peking) is in communication with i be forfeited. the Foreign Office regarding the question of making representations to the Chinese Government on the subject.

KING EDWARD'S VISIT TO GERMANY.

London, January 5th. Their Majesties the King and Queen will pay a State visit to Berlin in the second week in February.

THE POPE AND THE EARTH-QUAKE REFUGEES.

London, January 5th.

The Pope visited the earthquake refugees in the Vatican hospital which stands on Italian ground.

His Holiness thus passed beyond territoriality.

THE STRAITS OF MESSINA.

London, January 6th.

The "Gazette" contains an vessels to exercise the utmost caution in navigating the Straits of Messina, owing to possible changes in the depths on the coastline.

> AUSTRIA AND SERVIA. PEELING RASIER.

London, January 6th. M. Milovanitch, the

Servian Minister for Foreign Affairs, in his reply to the Austrian representations a suspension of judgment until the authentic text of the speech published.

Feeling in Vienna is easier in con_ sequence of this reply.

SUPREME COURT. Wednesday, January 6th.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS PIGGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

THE PEAR MURDER. The hearing of the capital charge preferred against Kwok Leung, Li Shek Chung and Hung Hoi was continued before his Lordship and a jury composed of Messrs. T. P. Hall (foreman), H. J. van der Bosch, J. P. Ulderup, D. A. Purves, H. Reeves, H. E. Craddock and H. A. Lammert.

The Hon. Mr. W. Rees Davies, K.C., Attorney-General, who was instructed by Mr. Dennys, Jr., from the office of the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Crown, the prisoners being defended by Mr. H. G. Calthrop, who was instructed by Mr. R. D. Atkinson (of Messra. Descon, Looker and Descon).

The case for the presecution closed in the

Mr. Calthrop, in the afternoon, opened the defence. He told the jurors that this was a case in which the evidence brought by the prosecution was of a most extraordinary conflicting character. If the jury was to believe one of the witnesses, they would have to come to the conclusion that another was committing perjury. It was not a question of a mistake which a man might make, but the most deliberate perjury that he thought he had ever heard since he had been in the Colony. At the end of his speech, when opening the case, the Attorney-General said the only way he could possibly reconcile the evidence of the witnesses was by coming to the conclusion that they were giving evidence as to two different assaults down by the Peak Church. If the jurors believed the first witness they could not possibly believe the second. He would ask them to say on the evidence that it was impossible to believe any of the witnesses, except the European constables. It was a peculiar thing about this case that the three prisoners were Hokles, and all the witnesses, including the lukongs, were Puntis. That was a very significant fact.

Evidence was then called, and the hearing adjourned. MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Wednesday, January 6th. BEFORE HON. COMMANDER BASIL R. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

ABOARD WITHOUT PERMISSION. A native servant and two boarding house runners were fined \$50 each for being on board the s.s. Catherine Apear without the permission of the master or officers.

IN THE HARBOUR OF REFUGE. The masters of 32 Chinese craft appeared before his Worship on charges of unlawfully anchoring their vessels in the typhoon shelter

at Causeway Bay. Two of the defendants were fined \$3 apiece, and the remainder \$1 each.

A DESERTER. Seaman F. Gehmann, one of the crew of the s.s. Batuan, appeared before the Court on a charge of deserting from his ship.

After hearing the evidence his Worship sentenced the defendant to one month's imprisonment, and ordered that his wages to date should NEGLECT OF DUTY.

Seaman W. Allison of the s.s. Empress of Japan appeared to answer a charge of continued and wilful neglect of duty.

The evidence showed that defendant got drunk, refused to do his work, and created a disturbance with some of the other seamen on

His Worship ordered the defendant to forfeit six days' pay and committed him to jail for 14 days, or until his ship sailed.

A DISHONEST BOY.

Mr. J. J. Stubbings, of the Electric Works. Wanchai, [prosecuted his "boy" at the Magistracy yesterday for stealing twenty cents. It appears that the boy had been engaged on the 1st December and on the 8th gave notice of his intention to leave. Since the 21st various small sums of money amounting in all to about \$16 have been missed and suspicion fell on the boy. On the 4th inst., Mr. Stubbings marked some small money which he placed in a drawer in the bedroom. This disappeared and next morning Mrs. Stubbings marked a twenty-cent the area wherein he enjoys extra- piece which she placed in her purse and deposited in the drawer. When the boy was in the bedroom she went upstairs and examining her purse found that the money was gone. She detained the boy and sent for her husband who brought the police. Sergt. Pitt searched the boy and found the missing coin, and a search of his box revealed other stolen coins. Defendant was miralty notice advising commanders sentenced by Mr. Wood to three months' hard

TRANSPORT OF SPECIE.

In the course of a reference in their report to the causes of the falling off in freight, the directors of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company observe that the "loss of revenue this year might be superficially accounted for by the restricted movement of specie, which is a business entirely dependent on the exchanges and is in no sense within the company's control." There is, of course, says a writer in the Globe, a great deal of truth in this, as, owing to the famine, the exports of silver from London to India have very largely diminished, the amount sent out from this country during the last ten months being £7,672,000, which is nearly £3,000,000 below the value of the silver exported on the subject of his recent speech in in the corresponding period of last year, and about £6,000,000 less than the quantity sent out the Skupstchina, declares that he has in the ten months of 1906. Less gold has also been dispatched from London to India, so that been incorrectly reported and asks for altogether the shipments of specie by the P. and O. company in the period covered by the latest report must have been far below the average, is and account for a very material portion of the decline in revenue. At the same time it may not be amiss to remark that, according to reports current in the City, the shipments of specie by German boats engaged in the Indian trade are increasing in consequence of their charges being

SHIPPING NOTES

It is announced in the Manila papers that the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company has reduced the fare for saloon passengers from Manila to Hongkong by the steamers Yuensang and Loongsang from 40 pesos to 30 pesos.

There is more competition for the passanger traffic to Europe from the Far East in the coming season than usual, for in addition to the fine steamers of the N.D.L. and the through P. & O. Mail steamer Macedonia. the Nippon Yusen Kaisha have their four new steamers leaving Hongkong in the first three months of the year. The Kamo-Maru has just returned from her maiden trip, and the three others will be making their maiden trips. Advertisements of each of the Companies mentioned, giving dates of departure and other particulars, appear on page 7.

The Japanese Government is reported in the Japanese press to have decided to grant an annual subsidy of Yen 500,000 or Yen 600,000 towards the Toyo Kishen Kaisha's South Ameri can line from the next fiscal year. In consequence, the amount of navigation encourage ment subsidy will be increased by over Yen 1,240,000 as compared with the present fisca

Now that so much discussion is going with regard to the question of subsidies to steam. ship services, it is interesting, the Japan Mail remarks, to note exactly what Japan actually paying on that account. The following are the figures:---

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| European, N.Y.K. | 2,674,000. |
| Seattle, N.Y.K | 653,00). |
| San Francisco, T.K.K. | 1,010,000. |
| Australia, N.Y.K. | 425,000. |
| Adjacent Eastern Seas, N.Y.K. | 530,000 |
| Hakodate-Saghalien, N.Y.K. | 150,000. |
| Dairen, O.S.K | 140,000 |
| Hokkaido Vladivostock, O.S.K. | 325,000. |
| Yangteze, N.Y.K. | 800,000 |
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It appears to our Yokohama contemporary very probable, that in the case of some of the above services, the Government will give the companies concerned the option of having their agreed as to the wisdom of this step. subsidies reduced or adding to their lines without any addition to the subsidies. In both cases the companies would receive less in practice, for either their subvention would be out down or they would have to work harder to earn it. Of course, in addition to the above figures there are the sums paid by the Treasury for encouraging navigation and shipbuilding, but as the laws providing for these payments: have still some years to run, there is no pressing necessity to consider them now.

There is nothing at all startling, remarks a London contemporary, in finding a considerable number of tramp steamers tied up to the buoys for the winter, "particular trades necessarily have a close time during the ice months, even though ice-breakers nowadays do a good deal in the way of keeping ports open for shipping. But what is suggestive is the large and increasing proportion of vessels which are lying-up. It bears no relation to normal winter procedure, but indicates a dearth of employment at payable rates in almost every branch of the shipping trade. A truly melancholy report is that which emanates from Newcastle. It is to the effect that ninety-three steamers, of a carrying capacity of something like 186,000 tons, are laid up in the Tyne, and that more would be glad to join them if only there were room. They are tramps and colliers of an ordinary type, for the most part, but there are a few big cargo liners among them. Neighbouring ports on the North-East Coast are also said to be full to the point of congestion, and in the other great harbours of Great Britain the same tale of lack of employment is told.

No shipowner willingly lays up his vessels, so the inference is that all this tonnage is incapable. in the present state of the freight market, of covering its working expenses, and that it is deemed cheaper, therefore, to keep it idle at the buoys. Indeed, the probability is that the owners have in not a few cases got tired of working at a loss. In the long run this withdrawal of tonnage may have some influence more especially when it is coupled with the natural wastage of shipping, which Sir Christopher Furness thinks people have been inclined to overlook. At present, however, all this idle tonnage has served in no degree to stimulate freights. There does not appear, says the writer, to be a bright spot anywhere, save and except; the regular steamship trade with Australia, and this is, perhaps, why schemes for securing a substantial diminution in the supply of tonnage have been lately discussed, more particularly in as a final payment on account of his contract Germany, where the depression seems quite as severe as it is here.

Towards the end of November considerable interest was caused by the announcement that a strong Lloyd's syndicate had decided to retire from underwriting solely because marine insurance at current rates had become unprofitable, and it may now be stated that the United Dutch Marine Insurance Companies have ceased writing in London for precisely the same reason. It is possible, however, to place too much significance upon the resignations of Lloyd's members at this time of the year, remarks a London contemporary, and it would be altogether wide of the mark to ascribe those of which notice has been given to the scheme which comes into effect next March. If the cases of resignation were analysed it would be found that some were known of last summer, others were really the formal statement of a previous event, and in others the cause was that which. n due course, brings about quite naturally the etirement of successful men from any enterprise. Resignations at the end of a year are customary, and this autumn the rest of the market cannot help regarding them as a badly

meeded cause of profit.

The Marquis of Graham is known as an enthusiast in the matter of marine propulsion by means of gas engines, and in Cassier's he gives a glowing account of the experiments in the gunboat Rattler. As a steam-driven vessel, the Rattler had an engine-room and stokhold complement of seventeen hands—four engineers and thirteen stokers. As a gas-driven ship, she runs easily with a complement of seven-three engineers and four producer attendants. The gas-engine. Lord Graham holds, strongly favours the interests of a cargo vessel, for the consumption of fuel is about half the normal, so that the radius of action would be doubled for the same fuel supply.

To the Germans belongs the credit of making valuable experiment in the application of auxiliary engines to the sailing-ship. The fivemaster, R. C. Rickmers, which has been affoat for just over two years and a half, has recently concluded her tenth passage, and according to a correspondent of the Shipping Gazette, who has been furnished with the figures, she has covered 100,310 miles in 608 days, equal to 165 miles a day, or about seven miles an hour. It hardly needs to be remarked that, minus her auxiliary engines, which help her more especially through regions of calm, the vessel could not have achieved such a record. The same correspondent gives the earnings of the ship during thirty-one months. The freight money, he says, was £47,000, or an average of £50 per day during the 942 days she was either at sea or in port. The result suggests that there may be a future for the auxiliary sailing-ship, for if she can do what she has done in bad times, the R. C. Rickmers can clearly earn more money when freights improve.

CORRESPONDENCE. THE DESTRUCTION OF RATS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."]

5th January, 1909. Sir,-We have heard a great deal lately as to the necessity for destroying rats and mice with a view to decreasing the spread of bubonic plague and other ills, and I presume we are all

The point to which I would desire to direct the attention of your readers however is the manner in which these animals are destroyed. After luncheon to-day I met a servant with a cage containing a rat just captured. I asked how it was to be killed, and he informed me that the custom was to put the rat into boiling

I appealed to one of the officials of the establishment and then learned that this was the oustomary manner of killing the rats.

Fortunately two of his superiors appeared on the scene at this moment and instructions were at once given that in future all rats and mice should be drowned in cold water.

No doubt all householders here are en deavouring to keep down the rats in their houses, but probably few know how these unfortunate creatures, when captured, are destroyed, and my experience of this afternoon appears to justify

my bringing the matter before the public. The usual custom among a certain class of servants is to amuse themselves by taking kettle of boiling water, slowly pouring this over the wretched little animal while still in the cage, enjoying its agony as it-runs-from side to side endeavouring to escape the torture inflicted. Another favourite form of killing rate is to soak them in kerosine oil and then set fire to them. I have personally obtained convictions here and elsewhere against servants (not my own, I am glad to say) for killing rate by these methods.

I would now appeal to your readers to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that any rats or mice caught on their premises be humanely destroyed .-- Yours truly,

EDBERT A. HEWETT. KULANGSU (AMOY) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held at the Board Room, on the 13th December, 1908. Present:-Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Chairman,) J. S. Fenwick, Huang Ts'an-chew, S. Oknyama, W. Wilson, the Health Officer and the Secretary, (Mr. C. Berkeley Mitchell.)

THE RATEPAYERS' LIST. The list of persons qualified to vote at meetings of ratepayers, published annually, was read approved, and passed for publication.

DISPUTE WITH A CONTRACTOR. It was decided to request Mr. D. M. Mickle, and Mr. Huang Ts'an-chew, the Chinese member of the Council, to jointly inspect the new Municipal Buildings, and decide what is a just

AN ASSESSMENT DISPUTE. complaining that his property at San-ku-chan has been overassessed. It was resolved that he be informed that he can either refer the case to Rev. G. M. Wales, the gentleman nominated by the Chinese ratepayers as their representative on the Land Commission, or the Revolution or the Empire. "L'Emigré" mission as a whole. In the mean time, as his paying his taxes, he is to be requested to for. France, and to-day, his idea is that ward cheque for same without delay.

TENDERS. opened, and considered. Subject to satisfactory references being given, the tender of Kho Pok

Seng for \$1,800 was accepted. THE MIXED COL The Superintendent of Police eported that the Mixed Court was still closed on account of official mourning.

HOW TO BE BEAUTIFUL-Keep your complexion, Mrs. Ellen's Crême Charmante. Lait Charmant and Special Skin Tonic and Pouder Charmant will enable you to do it. Her Specialities for the Skin are the study of fetime A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. Sole Agents.

PARIS LETTER. WRITTEN FOR "THE HONGKONG DAILY

PRESS."]

December 4th, 1908. THE WINTER IN FRANCE.

than the French; this remark applies to Parisians | Duke and Duchess de Charles, but Landri in particular. As a cace, the French cannot be secretaly loves Mme. Olier, widow of a captain called hardy, but on the centrary shivery mortals. in whose regiment he once served, who, owing Were Parisians not to coddle themselves up so. it would be all the better for them and their ed to accept a position as lady companion to the children, who are usually frail and delicate in Duchess and Françoise. The scene in which consequence. You seldom see French children the son, who is more modern in his views, inwith rosy cheeks as you do in England—the forms his father of his love for a woman whom result of fresh air and substantial nourishment. everyone admires and respects, but who is "not Comparatively speaking the French do not eat | born," is intensely dramatic in it simplicity as enough, while the kind of food they consume is may be imagined. not intended to either keep them warm or make The situation becomes henceforth complicatthem robust and fat. They like variety, in eating ed. Landri returns to Saint-Miniel, and and drinking, a good many petits plats all finds that he has been appointed to command of which are, as a rule, palatable as the men who are, the following day to assist all French dishes are, but containing nothing the authorities in taking an inventory of the so to speak. Substantial joints are seldom, Church of Hugheville, a village hard by. reasons that cold meat is not in favour in France arrives at the moment, discusses the situation and lasts too long. As for French chops and with her. At first he had decided to resign, in England. steaks, well you could blow these away from your | but now he will marry the woman he loves so plate without the slightest difficulty; there is no dearly, remain in the army, his only home and fat to them, while they are usually tough as family, since his marriage will sever his relations weather is experienced fly to massive top-coats, laks forward to the blow his son will deal the nothing of a score of other fads all of which are To his bewilderment, he hears that his son, a unmistakably unhealthy.

This year, being an exceptional one so far soldier and blindly obey the orders given him. as the weather was concerned, Parisians did not display as much eagerness as formerly to curé or parish priest has barricaded his return to their winter quarters in Paris. The warm autumn, on the contrary had the effect of delaying the rentrée. People felt inclined to linger longer than usual in their chateaux or country-mansions or at the seaside. Since week Paris is filling up rapidly, owing to the arctic weather. Unlike, in London, the re opening of Parliament in Paris has little or n influence on Society. Strange to say it is disadvantage to a candidate to have a title or to be known as a very rich man in this democratic country. Indeed, there is a great gulf between the political world and the élite of Society in the French capital—the opposite of what exists

LE MONDE CHIC. Society with a big S. is divided in Paris into two sections, which overlap to only small extent. There is the Society of the Faubourg St. Germain on the left bank of the Seine, and what is known as "le monde chie" which inhabits for the most part the Avenues radiating from the Are de Triomphe, and the quarters of Champs-Elysées and the Parc Monceau. These two social groups have almost nothing common beyond the fact that they are both quite out of touch with the rest of the nation. Society of the Faubourg St. Germain, whichcentres round the remusats of the great French families, is typically French, but French of the French aristocracy. It is often proud (though) poor or at least relatively so. It is fervently principles and to his race. The play is religious, at least in outward observance, with a beautiful one from beginning to end. considerable dash of Puritanism. Its manners and customs are correct to the point of severity. If the "jeune fille" or young girl of the Faubourg St. Germain is no longer, as offold shut up in a convent until she is married, she i still surveyed with conventual strictness. She never speaks to a male person over seven except in the presence of her mamma, no novels are allowed on any account as the reading of such by their daughter would the considered too advanced for her by her parents.

Now "le monde chic" or the fashionable world on the other side of the river, is, on the contrary, nothing if not cosmopolitan. It may go to Mass with more or less regularity, but it is nevertheless intensely worldly, and its manners and customs do not err on the side of strictness. It is at the present moment Anglo-maniac, often with rather very funny results. One may now accurately state that the winter season has ceally begun-at least for society in Paris. The smart people will be with us until January when, as usual, they will fly South to the Riviera where cold and snow are practically unknown.

A NEW PLAY. The eminent French Academician-Paul, Bourget, deserves to be warmly congratulated on his latest and successful play entitled "L'Emigré." It is perhaps as well to remark, before going further, that the French make a distinction between an émigrant and an émigré. While and fair amount the contractor should receive the former word means what it does in English, the latter is the name given to those staunch Royalists who during the Revolution A letter was read from Mr. Lim Kui Sing of 1789 exiled themselves voluntarily and remained abroad, even after Napoleon had invited them to return to France, promising to restore to them their estates which the Revolution had confiscated. However, M. Paul Bourget's new play, has nothing to do with the merely in this case a symbolic title which contention cannot be taken as an excuse for not | Grandchamp, assumes, although he lives in true French royalist of the twentieth century feels and must live like an emigré under the The tenders for 1909 night soil contract are Republican Government and in the midst of the general democratic spirit and the evergrowing

socialistic tendencies. refined figure, is, needless to say, a fervent Catholic and an ardent sportsman. He lives in modern France, as if there were still a King and a throne in Paris. He knows that aristocracy light and fire they used seal blubber. is doomed, but retains in his heart, manners, and habits, the best traditions of the "Old Régime." When the curtain rises on a hall in the Marquis's Château, the Marquise his wife has been dead for many years, and Claviers-Grandchamp wiles away the time by hunting the stag or the

boar, settling the disputes of his farmers or tenants, assisting the poor, entertaining guests royally, and-worshipping his only son, the noble-minded Landri de Claviers, who is a lieutenant in the army. The Marquis intends that his son should marry the pretty Few people have a greater horror of winter Françoise, daughter of his old friends, the to certain financial difficulties, has been compell-

if ever, placed on French tables for the simple Landri, when alone with Mme. Olier, who most French meat is. Frenchmen and French win his father. The Marquis enters the room. women as soon as the first appearance of wintry | He is happy. He already heard the news, and furs, fur-caps, fur-gloves, wraps, both woollen Republic when he refuses, the next day, to and silk, chauffrettes or foot-warmers, to say assist the authorities in their shocking task. nobleman and a Catholic, will do his duty as a

The next act takes place at Hugheville. The church. Outside the authorities who have been unable to find a locksmith or a carpenter willing to open or smash in the door, order Lientenant Landri to do his work. His father, the old Marquis is there. When he hears his son command: "Four men with axes!" he rushes forward and places himself on the steps before the church door. The father and the son face each other. The Marquis is ordered to withdraw. He refuses. An R.G.A. official then tells a gendarme to arrest him. The Marquis, whose eyes never leave Landri for a second, does not resist, but at the moment when the gendarme lays his hand on Inviers-Grandchamp's shoulder, Landri shouts, "Halt!" turns to his men, commands, "In saddle!" and leaves the place. The crowd applauds. The

curtain drops. The final act takes as to a room in a small hotel-a few months later. Landri, who is no longer an officer, has married Mme. Olier and is preparing to leave for Canada, where he will manage a great ranch. The Marquis comes to say good bye to his son. The aged nobleman is broken-hearted but still firm At the last minute he says to his daughter-inlaw: "I wished to bid you farewell, Madame. The past is the past, and I only see in you the wife of the man I love best in the world." The Marquis kisses her brow, shakes hands with his son, passionately, but without shedding a tear. past and represent all that remains of the real then leaves the room. The old Royalist, the Emigré of Paul Bourget decides to end his sad not in the least snobbish), and still more often life alone in some old castle, faithful to his

A GOOSE STORY. In a farm yard near Grenoble in the South of France a few days ago two cocks were engaged in fierce combat when a couple of geese, it is reported, arrived on the scene, and, evidently disapproving of the shameful spectacle, flapped their. wings excitedly, and apparently did all in their power to induce their comrades to desist. The two cocks paid no attention to their remonstrances. The geese therefore, seizing each cock by the neck, walked off and deposited the "duellists" several yards apart. The cocks were so amazed at the intervention of the geese that they did not attempt to renew the encounter. Se non à vero, à ben trovato. (If not true, t'is well feigned) as the Italians say.

ABSINTHE.

The Senate has appointed a committee or eighteen members to consider the Bill introduced by M. de Lamarzelle, having for its object the prohibition of the sale and the manufacture of absinthe in France. The majority of the committee are known to be in favour of the Bill The Bill such as it stands is much too drastic a measure to expect it to pass unamended, the Finances for whom the sale of the poisonous liquor is a matter of great financial importance.

MODERN CRUSOES.

TWENTY DAYS ON A LONELY ISLAND.

Eighteen Scottish sealers from the island of Lewis have met with advantures such as one reads of in "Robinson Crusoe."

In small boats, on a day when the sea was as calm as a lake, the men set out for the island of North Rona, forty-five miles distant. place, and the whole band at once set out to the aged Marquis de Claviers- hunt the seals. They found hundreds of them, and getting between them and the sea shore, killed 320, and secured the skins.

next day, but during the night the weather broke, and instead of launching their boats they | There are exceptions as regards both man and had to haul them 100 yards further up. So woman, but the full, perfect life, the life of rough was the weather that the sealers set about | highest happiness and highest usefulness to the building temporary shelters. Crusoe-like they State, is the life of the man and woman who are carried all they could from the boats, and soon The old Marquis, a sympathetic, strong and had two comfortable houses built. Their beds love and duty, one earning enough to keep the at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.10 inches. they made of grass.

For the first few days the men were well provided, but they took the precaution of putting themselves on short rations. provisions at last gave out, and the men killed a sheep, of which there are a few on the island. and caught the sleeping sea birds on the rocks.

fit for the men to take to their small boats again. They are now safe at home, greatly to the delight of their wives and families.

A NEW SOLICITOR.

Before His Honour the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court, yesterday morning, before the business of the day began, the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., who was instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) moved that Mr. Montgomery Reader Harris be approved, admitted, and enrolled to practice as a solicitor and proctor of this honourable Court. Supplementing the information on the file before his Lordship, Mr. Pollock remarked that Mr. Harris came of a good legal stock. His maternal grandfather had been a prominent solicitor in London for some years, and filled the important post of President of the Incorporated Law Society in London, and Mr. Harris' father was Mr. Render Harris, K.C., a well known figure of the Parliamentary bar. Mr. Harris himself had won an honours degree in law at Oxford, and his Honour would see that he came here to join the firm of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist as managing clerk. The usual papers were on the file showing that he had been admitted to the roll of solicitors of the Supreme Court of Judicature

His Lordship said the papers were in order and he had much pleasure in admitting Mr. Harris. The Court felt quite sure that he would do credit to the distinguished stock from which he had come, and to the distinguished firm to which he had been appointed.

LEAGUE FOOPBALL.

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Two points for a win, and one for a draw. * Lusitano were unable to raise a team to meet the R.G.A. on Jan. 2nd, and consequently forfeited the points, which go to the

A CHINESE HONOURS LIST.

The following Edict was recently issued under the seal of the Prince Regent, and signed by the Grand Council:-We have ascended the Throne, and, to mark

the event of the Coronation, officials shall be favoured according to their degree. Prince Ching is the head of these and is an official who has worked faithfully, and by hard

labour during the Boxer trouble succeeded in restoring peace to our realm. This a most meritorious service and deserving of recognition. He shall now receive the title of Mong Ti Wong which shall pass to his descendants, and we trust that he will not refuse this. The Grand Councillors, H.E. Shih Hsu and

others are faithful and thrifty, honest and diligent. They have not refused to labour hard and deserve reward. Shih Hsu is allowed to assume the title Tai Tzu Shou Pao, and is also allowed to carry a violet whip Chang Chih Tung may assume the title Ta Tzu Tai Pao, and he also may carry the viole whip. Lu Chuan Lin shall be entitled Tai Tzn Shon Pu, with violet whip; and Yuan Shih Kai Tai Tzu Tai Pao, and carry the violet whip. Princes Tsai Shun, Tsai Toa, Yn Lang, Pt Lun: Dukes Tsai Tze, Pu Chib. Princes Tsai Cheng, Tsai Fu, Tsai Tung and some members of the Imperial Clan have also received

honorific titles and other rewards: Sun Chia Ni has received a violet whip and No Tung the title of Tai Tzu Shou Pao. Yung Ching being rewarded with the double salary

of his Presidentship. Tieh Liang is allowed to wear the Yellow Jacket. Heu Shih (h'eng may wear the Imperia Peacock? out and Tuan Fang may wear the marten skin jacket.

Sun Chia Ni has received a violet whip and Na Tung the title of Tai Tzu Shou Ro, Yung hing being rewarded with the double salary of his Presidentship.

Tieh Liang is allowed to wear the Yellow Jacket, Hsu Shih Cheng may wear the Imperial peacock feather and Yang Shib Manchuria, and by 1906 the price had reached Hsiang and Tuan Fang may wear the marten

THE VOTE FOR WOMEN.

MR. ROOSEVELT LUKEWARM.

President Roosevelt has written to the League for the Civic Education of Women. explaining why he is not an enthusiast in the it has been assumed that one of the causes of cause. He says:-

"Personally I believe in women's suffrage, but I am not an enthusiastic advocate of it because I do not regard it as a very important matter. I am unable to see any special improvement in the position of women in those selfamendment will come from the Minister of governing States in the West which have adopted women's suffrage, as compared with those States adjoining them which have not adopted it.

suffrage will produce a marked improvement believe it will produce any of the evils trade revival in India through a good harvest women as a whole take any special interest in outlook for the moment is not hopeful.—The the matter they will have suffrage if they decide Times Commercial Supplement. it; but at present I think most of them are lukewarm. I find some activity for it, some activity against it. I believe that man and woman should stand on an equality of right but I do not believe that equality of means identity of function, and I am more and more convinced that the great field-the indrew up their boats in the only safe landing dispensable field—for the usefulness of woman

"It is her work in the household. the home, her work in bearing and rearing children, which is more important than any Preparations were made to return home the man's work, and it is that work which should be normally woman's special work. husband and wife, who live in a partnership of home, the other managing the home and the

The "Telegraph" correspondent learns that | to-day is as follows:-President Roosevelt's lukewarm support of Hongkong & Neighbourhood.(*) woman suffrage has greatly angered the American suffragists.

There is some difference of opinion in the South coast of China between | Same as No. 1. American suffragist camp regarding the tactics Twenty days passed before the weather was of the campaign, and in this connection it is South coast of China between Bame as No. 1. pointed out the American police would not tolerate for a moment the violent methods practised by the suffragists in London.

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THE FALL IN SILVER.

The shrinkage in the price of silver, which has been going on quietly during the past 15 months, has at last begun to attract attention now that the quotation has once more approached perilously near to the lowest level yet reached. In 1902, and again in 1906, the price fell to 21 d. The absence for a considerable time past of the usual demand on Indian account is the chief reason for the low level of the quotation at the present moment. In India the year 1907-8 opened well, but before it had run half its course a shortage of rainfall brought drought and famine, causing an early cessation of buying by the Indian Government, and confidence in the Silver market was thus shaken. India, as a rule, being the best customer for the metal. There does not appear to be much prospect of a quickening of the demand in the near future unless history repeats itself. The spring of 1903 found the price at 21-11d. bullion brokers and others then expressed the opinion that it was difficult to foresee any improvement unless the price proved to be sufficiently low to reduce the world's output, or some special inquiries came on the market. But before the close of that year there was an advance to 283d., the special inquiry which was to save the situation having sprung up in the shape of buying orders from America for the Philippine coinage, and as the American Government bought steadily every week from March to October stocks were materially reduced. During 1904 and 1905 the market was helped by the demand which arose in connexion with the Russo-Japanese war, a large amount of silver being required to pay the troops in

OUTPUT AND STOCKS. Last year the steady upward movement

received a check. Shipments to India fell off by about £4,000,000 as compared with the preceding year, and frequent orders from the French Mint helped to keep the market barely steady. In some quarters the heavy fall in the price is to be found in the largely increased output from the Cobalt mines. As a matter of fact the increased from that district has been offset by a falling off in supplies from other quarters owing to the abandonment or closing down of old mines in Mexico and elsewhere, with the result that the world's output has remained practically stationary during the past decade. At all of the great centres huge stocks have been piled up, and in "I do not think that giving women the fact of the unfavourable statistical position speculators are not likely to increase their the condition of women. I do not already large holdings. The prospects of a and I am very certain that when might stimulate the demand for silver, but the

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:-

On the 6th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen moderately over the E. and N.E. coasts of China and E. Japan.

Pressure remains considerably below the normal over S hina, W. Japan, and the Loochoos. It is highest over N. China and relatively low over Tongking and the northern shores of the China Sea. Fresh N.E. winds may be expected in the

Formosa Channel and light to moderate monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon

N.E. winds,

Hongkong and Lamceks. Hongkong and Hainan ...

(*) E. winds, moderate to fresh; misty some rain.

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NOTICE.

MR. JAMES CRAIK has This Day been appointed Secretary. H. P. WHITE,

Chairman. Hongkong, 6th January, 1909.



GOVERNMENT BILLS.

Colony, in exchange for sterling Bills drawn at off the entrance to the New Admiralty Dry 10 days sight on the Lords Commissioners | Dock. OF HIS MAJESTY'S TREASURY, London, will be until 11 A.M. on the 8th January, 1909.

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Treasury Chest Officer. His Majesty's Treasury Office. Hongkong, 7th January, 1909. STO KBROKERS ASSOCIATION OF

HONGKONG. NOTICE:

THE COMMITTEE has decided that the following shall be the Settling Days for 1909:--

FRIDAY. 29th January. 26th February. FRIDAY 30th March. TUESDAY. THURSDAY, 29th April. 31st May. MONDAY, TUESDAY 29th June. FRIDAY. 30th July. 30th August MONDAY WEDNESDAY, 29th September. 29th October FRIDAY 29th November. MONDAY WEDNESDAY, 29th December.

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J. Y. V. VERNON. (Chairman). J. F. WPIGHT. By Order of the Committee

J. F. WRIGHT. Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 7th January, 1909.

FOR SHANGHAI.

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INTIMATIONS

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPT.

TT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the NAVAL AUTHORITIES to the effect that Majesty's Surveying Ships "MERLIN" "WATERWITCH" at present at "East Dock VIENDERS for SPECIE BRITISH and Buoy" and "5A" Buoy respectively are MEXICAN DOLLARS, current in this lengaged in taking observations of Tidal Stream

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> F. H. Man. Colonial Secretary. F. H. MAY, Hongkong, 31st December, 1908.



HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

TT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under :--

From 4th to 23rd January, 1909:over the area Kaulnug Peak, Tates Cairn, Peak, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, com-

above dates, practice will take place on the following day. All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep Subject to a reserved price of \$2,000. clear of the ranges. BASIL TAYLOR, Commander, R.N.,

Hongkong, 4th January, 1909. HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

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NOTICE.

R. ERNST ARNDT, having retired from our Employment, CEASES to Sign our Firm per Procuration from This Date. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, 1st January, 1909.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ADOLF CARL SCHOMBURG and WILHELM WIEDERHOLD in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December, 1908. MR. CARL ROBERT LENZMANN has been Admitted a partner in our Firm from This Date.

CARLOWITZ & Co. China, Japan, Hongkong, lat January, 1909. Hamburg, New York

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of our late Mr. CARL GEORGE RICHARD BRODERSEN CEASED upon his death, which took place at Shanghai on the 2nd October last. MR. HANS AUGUST SIEBS and MR. EUGEN SIEBERT have This Day been Admitted as Partners in our Firm.

SIEMSSEN & Co. Shanghai. lat January, 1909. [132 Hongkong & China COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE. COMPANY, LIMITED.

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MILTON TERCENTENARY.

ME. GEORGE MEREDITH'S LINES.

The eve of the tercentenary of the birth of John Milton was observed by the British Academy at the Theatre, Burlington-gardens, where a distinguished and representative company assembled to do honour to the venerated name of Milton. Dr. A. W. Ward, Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge, presided and delivered a splendid oration, Sir Frederich Bridge gave an address, with vocal and instrumental illustrations, on Milton and music, but interesting as these two portions of the programme were, the outstanding feature of the evening was Mr. George Meredith's lines written specially for the occasion and read by Professor Gollancz. The lines ran as follows

What splendour of imperial station man The tree of life, may reach when, rooted fast His branching stem points way to upper air And skyward still aspires, we see in him Who sang for us the Archangelical host Made Morning by old Darkness urged to the

A voice that down three centuries onward Onward will roll while lives our English

In the devout of music unsurpassed Since Piety won Heaven's ear on Israel's

The face of Earth, the soul of Earth, her Her dread austerity; the quavering fate Of mortals with blind hope by passion swayed His mind embraced, the while on trodden soil, Defender of the Commonwealth, he joined Our temporal fray, whereof is vital fruit,

And choosing armoury of the Scholar, stood

Beside his peers to raise the voice for Freedom: Nor has fair Liberty a champion armed To meet on heights or plains the Sophister Throughout the ages, equal to this man, Whose spirit breathed high Heaven, and drew

The othereal sword to smite.

Were England sunk Beneath the shifting tides, her heart, her brain, The smile she wears, the faith she holds, her

Would live full-toned in the grand delivery Of his cathedral speech: an utterance Almost divine, and such as Hellespont, Crashing its breakers under Ida's frown, Inspired: yet worthier he, whose instrument Was by comparison the coarse reed-pipe; Whereof have come the marvellous harmonies Which, with his lofty theme, of infinite range, Abash, entrance, exalt. We need him now

This latest Age in repetition cries: For Belial, the adroit, is in our midst Mammon, more swoln to squeeze the slavish

From hopeless toil: and overshadowingly (Aggrandized, monstrous in his grinning Of hypocritical Peace), inveterate Moloch

Remains the great example. Homnge to him His debtor band, innumerable as waves Running all golden from an eastern sun Joyfully render, in deep reverence. Subscribe, and as they speak their Milton's name.

Rays of his glory on their foreheads bear. Suspended on the screen in front of the audience was a large wreath of autumnal leaves from Vallombrosa, Cornelius Janssen's portrait of Milton at the age of ten, the Medici Society's reproduction of the same, a portrait of Milton at a later age, a portrait of Henry Lawes, and the British and United States flags. The theatre was crowded. Diplomacy, law, and seats of learning were represented, and there were present those whose names stand high in the worlds of literature, science, and art. Dr. A. W. Ward occupied the chair in the absence

AMERICAN SHIP AND DOCK

BSTIMALES FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

bureau of yards and docks of the United States Navy, makes a strong plea for more extensive out improvements at insular stations and for a higher standard in the maintenance of home navy yards in his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy.

The estimates for navy yards and stations recommended to be submitted to Congress at flavourless as a kiss through a respirator, and its coming session are as foll ra: Public works, including repairs and preservation, \$9,811,730; maintenance yards and docks, \$1,500,000; contingent yards and docks, \$30,000. Total, \$11,341.730.

All of the principal yards, A miral Hollyday vices and live without slaughtering other states, should have structures of sufficient capacity to dock the largest vessels likely to be built within the near future.

mavy yards and stations include: Naval station. Cavite, P. I., \$15,900; naval station, island of immaculate virtue, the price must be paid. Guam, \$44,000; navy yard, Mare island, Cal., 31,776,500; naval station, Olongapo, P. I., \$100,000; naval station. Pearl harbour, including an estimate of \$200,000 toward the construction of a dry dock to cost \$2,000,000, \$1,300,000 navy yard, Puget sound, \$1,391,000; naval station, Tutuila, Samoa, \$5,500.

The need for more civil engineers and highclass technical assistants is emphasized, and the wisdom of having the Government purchase dredging plants instead of dredging by contracts is urged. Increases of pay and rank for officers and employes are asked for.

MR. BIRRELL'S "LAST WALK."

Mr. Birrell told an amusing story in propos-

ing the teast of the Royal Society of Medicine at the annual dinner at the Hotel Cecil, last (Laughter.) He had hitherto-although there. problem. the book, and the first words which caught his Daily Mail:

eye were these: "The patient who is suffering from this disease never perspires." (Laughter.) He had Scotch blood in his veins, so he picked up his hat and gloves and walked out, and he had never seen that eminent physician from that day to this. (Laughter.)

SOME VICES AND A MORAL.

BY CLARENCE ROOK.

Are they enemies or friends—these things that we encounter in over daily task and nightly rest: the bath, the fresh air, the exercise, the afternoon tea, the dinner, the coffee and cigars? Some time ago, writing of the increase of London tea-shops, I incidentally asked whether tea-with toast and mothes-were necessary as a fourth meal of the day. Dr. John H. Clarke answered the question at more than equal length and with far superior knowledge. And now, in a volume of concentrated humour and science, Dr. Clarke gives us his views upon "Vital Economy." I take it his object is to tell us how best to conserve such energy as we have behind, and draw no bills on life that we cannot meet with a little food and rest at dur disposal.

THE VICE OF THE BATH. The vice of the bath I have already spoken of, and it is one I cannot overcome. Nevertheless the doctor tells me that if I lie in my warm bath every morning I wash myself dirty, and the more soap I use the dirtier I become, and the less individual energy is at disposal. The explanation is something about akin-cells, which you will not comprehend. But ales! for the energy and skin-cells cast into the main drainage system! The bath in the temperate and progretain climate between the tropics and the Pole is a fetish, and Dr. Clarke knows men who have been killed by a compulsory bath!

"Plenty of fresh air" is another medical fetish-for the moment. Having sniffed and analysed the fresh air, the doctor is doubtful as to its efficacy. What is fresh air? It contains an encyclopædia of organisms, some of them welcome, some of them harmful. And as we have to die some day, whether is it better to die of asphyxiation or a draught? My personal fetish is fresh air, though Dr. Clarke has knocked it from its pedestal. In London, with the sheep-like following of convention, I keep a bedroom window open to the wind, and awake with small appetite for breakfast. On certain steamers I have slept peacefully with the portholer closed in a storm, not a whiff of "fresh air" from sleeping time to waking, and waked with a roaring appetite for breakfast.

It is jolly to meet a doctor who is really human in his failings and sympathics. In the matter of exercise he is very firm. You have so much to give out, so much to take; and the doctor, with literary and practical work to do, gave himself his own prescription-he took a cab from house to club -in order to give the brain what was stolen from the legs. The system was that of Mr. Chamberlain and of many other hard workers whose instinct forbade them to burn the candle at both ends.

VICES AND THEIR ANTIDOTES. But you must organise your vices; for in this sublutary life we cannot schieve perfection. You have the vicious desire for a bath; you think you require tes in the morning, or a round of golf in the afternoon, or coffee after dinner, or a cigar, or a whisky and soda. All these desires, as I gather from Dr. Clarke, are simply demands for intoxicants . . . the almost universal craving for some kind of intoxicant which prevails throughout the world-among all ruces of humanity, whether civilised or not, and among the poor and rich alike.

I look down the list of vices the stimulants that seem to encourage a man to fresh endeayour. They are all harmful. And I look into my soul-and body-to discover the proper mode of continuing this rather amusing life on, earth, Washing is harmful unless taken in nips or sections, there are people who have achieved "delirium tremens" from tea, men of fifty, temperate in all other respects, have fallen dead by taking excercise in sprinting for a train, and coffee poison will injure both the head and the heart. These are the people who have been timid in their vices. The people who was-and sin no more; the people who est green. food without pepper. In a word, the people Rear-Admiral R. C. Hollyday, chief of the who have but one vice. You must tabulate your vices, add them up and let them cancel

Some kind of an instinct has led us to the vice and the antidote. Why is it that every. man, when he sees pork, turns round for the apple sauce? Why is it that mutton demands the attendant jelly? An egg without sait is as there are few men with a love of green vegetables who do not look for the pepper-castor. For the human instinct is merely a development of that of the dog who eats grass when he knows he has sported too freely with the fleshpots. And look-The peed for additional dry docks is urged. ing at my own life, I would gladly be without sentiont beings or intoxicating myself with toa But I am human. I have one vice: good! I drink tea in the early morning. Now that cup of The estimates recommended for the various | tea will be my doom, unless I take the antidote. If I have one vice, if I have fallen one peg from must assume another. Once I have fallen from virtue and lighted my cigar-which is poison -I am impelled to take coffee, which is another poison, and the doctor agrees that this is the proper antidote. Even whisky is beneficial when taken in conjunction with tobacco, for the two cancel out, and "the combination is less" injurious than either taken singly.'

"SINS MUST NOT BE ODD." It is a difficult problem for a man who is not absolutely without vices. Shall I give up washing and keep the cigar? Shall I renounce coffee and open the window? Shall I live on nuts and climb mountains? The enswer is . . beware of a single vice. If you have one, get another at once, and it will cancel the former. one. If you have a love for oysters, take vinegar, and if you must poison yourself with smoke you had better poison yourself with month. There was no profession, he said, for | alcohol as well. Sinning is a mere matter of which he had a profounder admiration, and arithmetic. My vice of ten in the morning is there was none about which he knew less, cancelled by a bath, and the bath is again a

was plenty of time yet for an ample revenge - Good gracious! this is a matter of odd and enjoyed almost an unbroken health. Only even through the day and year. Longing to once in his life did he set out in search of a live a reputable life, I find the one vice before physician for himself. Only once in his life me, the antidote-another vice-and finally I did he feel persuaded that he was smitten with am with Lord George Sanger, dirving a team a mortal disease, and so he determined to die of thirty-two through the streets. Thirty-two secundum artem-(laughter)-for he was the horses, subservient. Thirty-two vices! You last man to be irregular in his departure will notice the mathematical accuracy which from this world. (Laughter.) He started on brought Sanger safely through the crowded his journey to consult a distinguished doctor | sweets with thirty-two horses. Another vic., who lived in the neighbourhood of Harley, and I'm done for. Vices must go in even street, and whom he knew was a great numbers. When once you have embarked on expert on the disease to which he thought the career of sin, and smoked a so reptitions he was a victim. It was a hot day in cigarette in the corner of the garden, you have July, and he thought the time was come to started the odd numbers of vices. And you take his last walk. He walked from his house, will have to even up those numbers through which was in the neighbourhood of Addison-road, coffee and exercise and pepper and whisky and to Harley-street. He found the great physician's 'billiards and green-meat. For your sins must rooms all crowded with patients-probably, he not be odd, but even; so says the doctor: I am thought, suffering from a similar complaint, to adding up my own total, and am trying to think himself. While waiting, he found on the table 'of something wicked to balance my passion for a book written by the great physician on the oranges—which makes the thirty-first. For subject of the particular disease. He opened I'm determined to die with my sins levelThe Standard Cocoa of the World.

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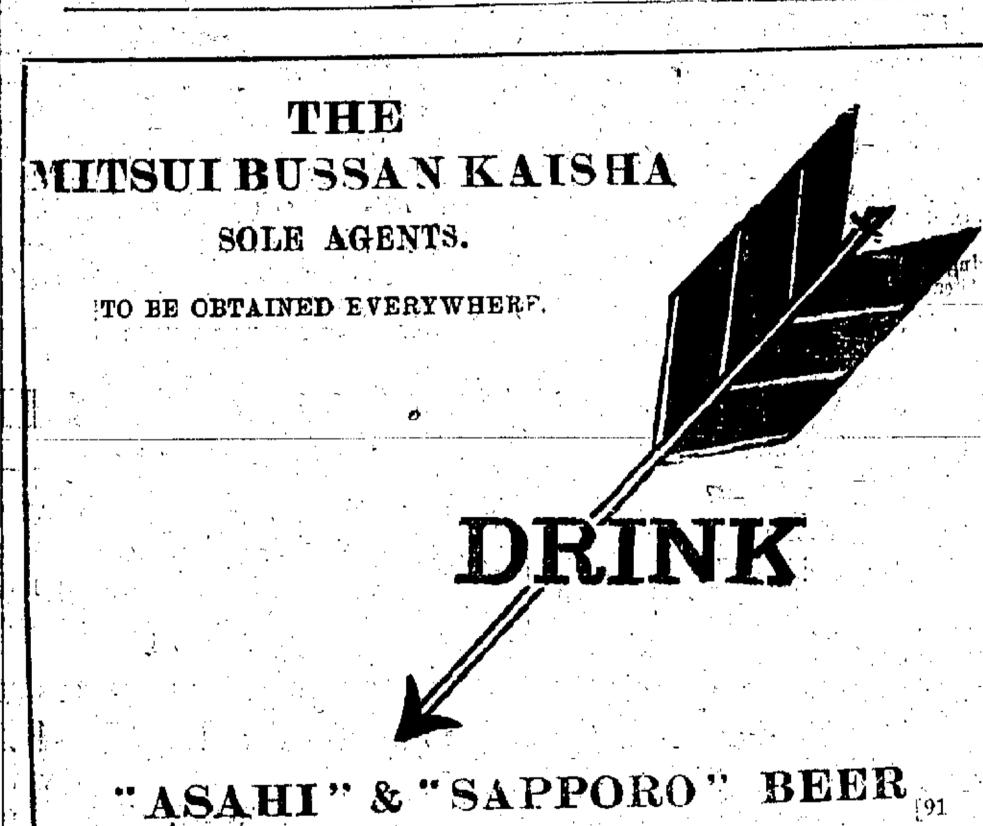
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The members of the Sphinx Club held a dinner in London last month at the Hotel Cecil. Mr. Ralstron Balch, the president, occupied the chair, and among those present were Prebendary Carlile, of the Church Army, " Colonel Unsworth, of the Salvation Army, the Rev. J. S. Barrass, Rev. C. H. Grundy, the Rev. H. B. Chapman, Mr. Carl Hentschel, Mr. John Hinds, Mr. L. G. Griffiths, Mr. H. Davies, Mr. G. Hinds, the Rev. H. Morgan, Mr. A. B. Horton, Mr. H. Powell Rees, Mr. G. Wetton, Mr. Mostyn Pigott, and Mr. H. E. Morgan.

After dinner a discussion took place on the subject. "What can Publicity do for Religion!" 'Colonel" Unsworth explained that "General' Booth, who had been expected to open the discussion, had been examined that afternoon by an eye specialist and was absent by medical advice. He hoped, however, to be able to address the club on another occasion. He recognized the great debt that the Salvation Army own to the Press.

Prebendary Carlile said that if his audience

had all been clergymen he would have pressed them to advertise extensively for the benefit of their own churches and congregations. He was accused of being a touting parson, but he felt that he owed a great deal of gratitude to the Press, which had given him his congregations. Advertising was an immense help. If the clergy would take subjects that were prominent in the minds of the people they would get fuller churches. On one occasion, instead of announcing an address on Jonali, he selected for his title "Holbein's Swim." with the result that the church was crowded with men. A newspaper appeal once brought him a gift of £30.000. The chairman described the Salvation Army as "the greatest single advertisement-written across the pages of religion since the time of Martin Lather," and added that though England was honeycombed with charities there was no disposition to with hold money if the appeal were properly framed. The Rev. J. S. Barrass and others also spoke.

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HONG WAN I. British str., 2,641, Kingborn, 5th January-Amoy 3rd Jan., General-Chinese. INDRAWADI, British str., 3,369, W. Grey LO. Williams, 5th Jan. - Foochow 4th January, LO

General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. KOWLOON, German str., 1,874, A. Enigk, 5th Jan. - Mororan 30th Dec., Coal-Hamburg-Amerika Linie. LEIPZIG, German cruiser, 3,250, Henser, 6th

Jan .-- Tsington 2nd January. NORD, Norwegian str., 730, G. Haraldson, 5th Jan.-Wakamatsu 31st December, Coal-August Thorsson & Co.

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DEPARTURES. 6th January. ANTILOCHUS, British str., for Singapore. CHOYBANG, Billish str., for Shanghai. C. JEBSEN, German str., for Haiphong EMPIRE, British str., for Australian Ports. ESANG, British str., for Shanghai. HAII AN, French str. for Pakhoi. HANGCHOW, British str., for Amoy. HONGKONG, French str., for Haiphong. KANSC, British str., for Canton. SHINANO MARU, Jap. str., for Keeling. SHOSHU MARU, Jap. str., for Swatow. SINGAN, British str., for Haiphong. TAIWAN, British str., for Saigon. WAISHING, British str., for Shanghai. WOSANG, British str., for Canton. YATSHING, British str., for Canton.

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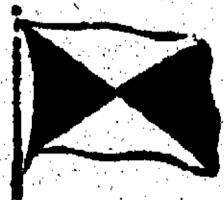
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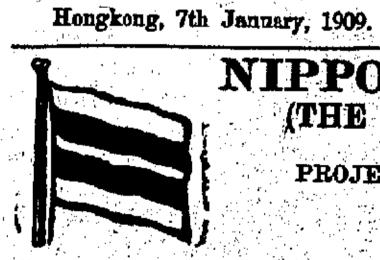
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Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Limited Tls. 50 Tls. 50 Tls. 85. .. 20 cents pieces 84.30 discount WHARVES. \$45, buyers Hongkong & Kowldon Wharf & Godown Co. Tls. 100 | Tls. 140. Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co. LANDS AND BUILDINGS. 100 | 392, sellers Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ld. Tls. 50 Tls. 120. Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited Fla. 50 \$30 | \$35, sellers Kowloon Land and Building Company..... Tls. 25 | Tls. 9. Wei-hai-wei Land and Building Co. ... 25 Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co...... \$50 | \$46, sollers West Point Building Co., Limited TRAMWAYS, The Peak Tramways Co., Limited \$590, buyors Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited. Fcs. 250 18,000 £1 HOTELS, ETC. 885, buyers Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited...... 30,000 Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai)... DISPENSARIES. 210 | 89½, buyers A. S. Watson & Co., Limited \$10 | \$2, buyers Watkins, Limited Hongkong and China Gas Co. Limited 50 Tls. 118. 8,000 Tls. 50 Shanghai Gas Company, Limited. Hongkong Electric Co., Limited MISCELLANEOUS. 10 89.80, sellers Green Island Cement Co., Limited 8100 Nominal Hongkong Milling Co., Ld. (in Liquidation) ... 12/6 | 88, buyers Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited .000 ordy \$10 8230. United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited 100 fders \$10 | \$10, sales Union Waterboat Co., Limited \$6 \$221, sellers \$220, sellers Hongkong Dairy Farm Co..... \$50 \$59, sellers

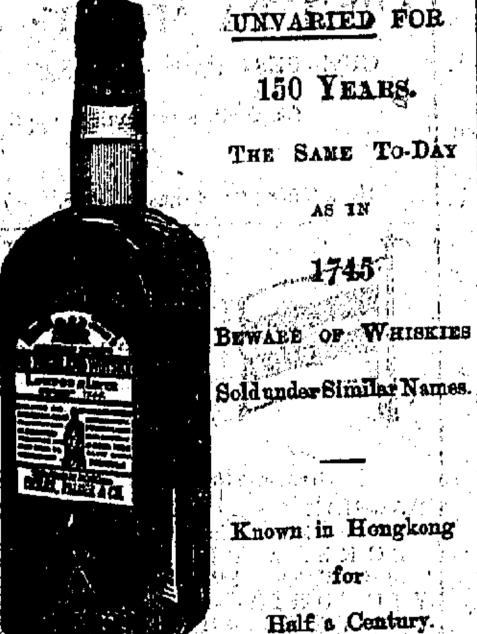
£20 Tls. 4373. 16.350 Shanghai Waterworks Co., Limited \$24, sales Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited 60,000 \$9, buyers Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Limited ... Tls. 50 Tls. 77. Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld. 20,000 75 Tla. 674. International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld. Tls. 100 | Tls. 73. Tls. 100 Laou-Kung-MowCotton Spin. & Weav. (a, Ld. 2,000 Tls. 500 Tls. 500 Tls. 285. Mrs. H.W. Rogers Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited..... Miss F. E. Sandes China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ld... **.....810** | 812 | \$11, sellers China Borneo Company, Limited Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited \$7 \$4, sellers Wm. Powell, Limited 3,000 824. South China Morning Post 50,000 50,000 China Light and Power Company 20,000 Steam Laundry Company, Limited $8100 \mid \$150.$ Welssmann, Limited CIGAR COMPANIES. 67,500 Philippine Co., Limited

\$ \$51, sellers 85 | \$5, sellers 310 \$8, sellers 250 | Nominal Alhambra Limited ... Quotation. Value. Interest. Amount. Loans.

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SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG: LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and from ALL WINE MERCHANTS. [52]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FITHE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line for this port on the 3rd inst. at 6 a.m., may be are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS expected here on or about the 11th inst., and OF LADING for, all the principal ports in will sail for Amoy and Shanghai on 16th inst. CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight For Freight and further particulars,

apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED. General Agents for China and Japan. Hongkong, 4th August, 1898.

TOTAL TOTAL SELECT ARRESTS

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

The I.G.M. str. Prinz Sigismund has left Sydney on Wednesday the 16th ult. at 7 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

THE AMERICAN MAIL The T.K.K. str. Tenyo Maru sailed from Shanghai on the 6th inst., and is due due to arrive at this port to-morrow at 8 a.m.

THE GERMAN MALL. The I.G.M. str. Luetzow carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 16th nit. left Colombo un Sunday the 3rd inst. a.m., and

may be expected here on or about Thursday the 14th inst. THE INDIAN MAIL. The Indo-China str. Kumsang from Calcutta

5th inst. at 11 a.m.

and the Straits left Singapore for this port on Y 1st instast 7 a.m. MERCHANT STEAMERS. The N.G.I. str. Capri left Singapore for this

The Indo-China str. Fooksang from Calcutta

15th ult., for Hongkong via Moji.

The str. Adato left Seattle for Hongkong via Japan ports on the 24th ult. The E. & A. str. Eastern from Sydney &c. LYNDHURST, British 4-masted barque, 2,500. left Port Darwin on 31st ult. for Timor, Manila and this port.

The Ben Line str. Benlarig from Middlesbro' Antwerp and London, left Singapore on 3rd inst, for this port.

The N.Y.K. str. Tango Maru (American the 4 inst., and is expected here on the 10th inst. The J.-C.-J. Lijn str. Tjimahi left Makassar

South Africa, in connection with Indo- The N.Y.K. str. Ceylon Maru, (Bombay CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the Langbank. service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from 5th inst., and is expected here on the 12th inst. The N.Y.K. str. Kageshima Maru (Bombay Line) left Bombay on the 28th ult., and is

SHIPPING IN PORT

STEAMERS

Annui, British str., 1,356, Meathcel, 28th Dec. -Swatow 27th Dec., Ballast-Butterfield & Swire.

Bourson, French str., 990, Le Bail, 5th Jan. --Saigon 31st Dec., Ganeral—Chinese. CHENAN, British str., O. Wavell, 2nd Jan.
—Swatow 1st Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.

CHILDAR, Norwegian str., 1,102, Nielsen, 1st January-Swatow 31st December, Ballast -Aagaard, Thorsson & Co. CHIPSHING, British str., 1.199, F. Mooney,

30th Dec.—Chingwantae 23rd, and Chefoo 25th Dec., Coal and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co. DERWENT, British str., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 17th Dec.—Saigon 12th December, General—

Chinese. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, British str., 3,039, S. Robinson, 1st Jan.—Vancouver 10th Dec., General-C. P. R. Co.

FRI, Norwegian str., 860, C. Wagle, 17th Nov. -Manila 13th November, Ballast -- Angaard Thoresen & Co. GREGORY APCAR, British str., 2,961, S. H.

Belson, 4th Jan.-Moji 30th December, General-David Sassoon & Co. HAIMUN, British str., 636, J. W. Evans, 25th. Dec.—Swatow 24th December, General-

Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

HOLSTEIN, German str., 1,103. A. Niejahr, 3rd Jan .- Haiphong and Hoihow 1st Jan., General—Jebsen & Co. INVERIC, British str., 3,113, R. J. Hewie, 5th

Jan.—Manila 2nd Jan., General—Dodwell KANCHOW, British str., 1,217, Monckman, 31st Dec.—Shanghai 27th Dec., Oil—Butter-

field & Swire. KANSU, British str., 1,143, Speech, 4th Jan.— Chinking 31st Dec., General—Butterfield

& Swire. KENKOU MARU, Japanese str., 1,728, F. Takai, 3rd Jan.-Moji 27th Dec., Coal-Mitsui

KEONGWAI, German str., 1,115, T. Kölder, 31st Dec. Singapore Dec. 23rd and Mothow 30th, General—Butterfield & Swire

Kiangping, Chinese str. 1,222, H. Udden, 4th January—Chinkiang, 50th December, General-Chinese, KNIVSBERG, German steamer, 646, Henk, 5th Jan,-Halphong via Holhow 4th Jan., Rice.—Jebsen & Co. MANDAL, Norwegian str., 1,194, E. Ericksen,

25th Dec.—Swatow 24th December, Ballast -A. T. & Co. MANDASAN MARU, Jap. str., 3,246, Shimidzu. 22nd Dec.—Kutchinotzu 16th Dec., Coal— Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

MATILDA KORNER, German str., 1,847, M. Dibbern, 4th January - Samarang 21st Dec., General-Java Linie MAUSANG, British str., 1,644, G. S. Wergall, 30th Dec.—Sandakan 24th Dec., Timber and General-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MINAS DE PATAN, American str., 1,758, T. Sievert, 3rd January-Manila 28th Dec., Ballast-Order. MINNESOTA, American str., 13,323. Chas. Austin, 24th Dec. Beattle via Ports 24th

Nov., General-Great Northern Steamship MONGOLIA, American str., 8,750, T. E. Morton, 2nd Jan.—San Francisco 1st Dec., General

-Pacific Mail Steamship Co. ONBANG, British str., 1,789, R. Houghton, 5th Jan.—Jave 24th Dec., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co. ORANGE BRANCH, Britith str., 2,197, J. Mc-

Clelland, 27th Dec.—Sydney via ports 17th Nov., Sleepers and General-Dodwell & Co. PARLAT, German str., 1,018, J. Wenzel, 4th Jan .- Bangkok and Hoihow 3rd Jan ... Rice-Butterfield & Swire.

PROSPER, Norwegian str., 1,459, K. Larssan 2nd Jan .- Chinkiang 29th Dec., Ground nut-Hamburg-Amerika Linie.

PROTEUS, Norwegian str., 1,024, C. Möller, 27th Dec.-Chinkiang 22nd Dec., Rice-Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

RAJAH, German str., 1,175, R. Peterson, 30th Dec.—Bangkok 21st December, Rice-Butterfield & Swire. RUBI, British str., 1,619, R. W. Almond, 4th

Jan.—Manila 2nd Jan., General—Shewan Tomes & Co. Sano Maru, Japanese str., 6.227. Geo. Anderson 4th Jan. Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai 1st Jan., General-Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

SARK, Norwegian str., 1,650, Wold, 2nd Jan .--Newcastle 14th December, Coal-Arnhold Karberg & Co. SHANSI, British str., 1,662, Boyd, 2nd Jan .-Chefoo 28th Dec., Beans-Butterfield &

Swire. TAISHUN, Chinese str. 1,216, P. Klopfer, 2nd January-Shanghai 30th Dec., General-C. M. S. N. & Co. TINGSANG, British str., 1,045, R. Y. Andrew,

2nd Jan.-Chinking 29th Dec., General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. WAKAMATSU MARU, Jap. str., 2,778, Aikawa, 4th Jan .- Wakamutan 30th Dec., Coal-

Nippon Yusan Kaisha. WONGKOY, German str., 1,115, W. Reber, 4th Jan.-Bangkok 25th Dec., General-Butterfield & Swire. WOSANG, British str., 1,127, Hussey, 4th Jan.

-Wuhu 1st January, General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. ATSHING. British str., 1,424, M. Conriney,

5th Jan.—Shanghai 31st Dec., and Swatow 4th Jan. General-Jardine, Matheson & and the Straits left Singapore for this port on YERIMO MARU, Jap. str., 2,858, Kahayashi, 5th Jan.-Moji 30th Dec., Coal-Mitsui

TUENBANG, British str., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 3rd Jan.-Manila 31st Dec., General-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SAILING VESSELS. port on 1st inst., and may be expected here to- Annia E. Smale, American 4-masted barque 809, John F. Colstrup, 13th Dec.-Port-The str. Craigvar sailed from Seattle on the land Oregon 8th Oct., Lumber-Mr. Jack. DAYLIGHT, British barque, 3,060, M. Bryde, 9th October-Yokohama 19th September.

Ballast-Standerd Oil Co. Parnell, 14th September-Bangkok 25th

August, Case Oil-Standard Oil Co.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL. December 19th-Ganges, Idomeneus, Glenstrae. Sumatro. 23rd-Lutzow, Braemar, Line) left Moji for this port via Shanghai on Malta. Slavonia. Ville de la Ciotat, Ghazes, 30th-Inverclyde, Benclench, Keemun, Polynesien, Saxonia, Senegambia, Kintuck, Paking.

Tamba Maru. January 2nd-Nord, Somali, Colombo Maru, Patroclus. 6th Norman Prince: Vorwaerts, Wray Castle, Bengloe, Bombay Maru, Canton, Oopack, Polyphemus, ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Jan. 5th-Armand Behic, Monmouthshire, Indrani, Kanagawa Maru.

expected here on the 15th inst. Printed and Published by Bretnam A. Hale for the Concerned at 10a. Des Voux Road, Central, Victoria, Hongkong; London Office, 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

II. RUTTONJEE & SON. WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

TO.DAY. Sale, New Kowloon Farm, Lot No. 2 & New Kowleon Inland, Lot No. 6, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lammert, noon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED. Per Haitan, from Coast Ports, Dr. and Mrs Wittenbug and 3 children, Miss M. Hopun, Ray, Canour, Roy, Clements and Roy, J. Val. Per Delhi, for Hongkong, from Marseilles, Major and Mrs Camiller, Mrs Layard, child and nurse, Mrs Crowlie, Miss Higford, Messrs J. Messrs Young and A. K. N. Corbett. From Hon. E. S Butle" H. Lewis and Valet, and H. D. Lair; from Marseilles, Jan. 22—to Hongkong: Miss H. S. Mr. J. v. Caldwell Gibraltar, Capt. J. M. Purto; from Brindisi, Fletcher. From Colombo to Hongkong: Mrs Major & Mrs Camilleri Miss J. Dickson, Miss Ada Rhodes and Mr E. | and Misses Birkbeck, Mr H. Birkbeck. Brown; from Penang, Mr W. D. Graham; Per Messagories Maritimes str. Polynesien Mrs. P. Cole from Singapore, Messrs J. Ball, Paul Lechler from Marsoilles Dec. 20-to Hongkong: Mr M. Mrs. w. Collier and C. Thooner; for Shanghai, from London, Messrs C. G. Deane and F. Kennedy: from Marseilles, Messrs A. W. Large and McDonald; from Colombo, Mr A. B. L. Sen: from Singapore, Mr J. R. Cullen; for Yokohama, from London, Miss M. Reid and Mr W. Galloway:

from Bombay, Mr E. C. Lalkaka. DEPARTED. Per Sydney, for Shanghai, &c., Mr and Mrs Desone and baby, Mr and Mrs Jacquet and children, Mr and Mrs Nalin and family, Mr and Mrs Piel, Dr. and Mrs Moutline, Miss Prudent, Lieut. L. W. T. Waller, Rev. P. A. Robert, Messrs Kerminon, Pregre, Inabata and children, Desmaisons, A. Piercy, B. Weill, D. Urmeneta, Molinot, Charbonnel, Rabadeux, A.

E. Flover and Dalas. Per Ernest Simons, for Marseilles, &c., Mr and Mrs Caumel, Mr, Mrs and Miss Carpenter, Mrs Deldgana, Mrs Suller, Mrs Douarinou, Miss Gsada, Rev. P. Delalande, Rev. P. Geoffrey. Messrs, Elisaroff, Carerre, Mallet, Le Lauze, E? Driessons, A. Campbell, R. Ebruses, Gral. Tranis, Neseux, A. W. Polglase, A. S. Grassick, C. G. M. Nodderman, Ted Callow, S. Tangie. L. Boisandet, Joffroy, Bauer, J. Deloine, Delaze, Deignay, Nalgow, Hossain, A. G. Hopper. W. G. Stevenson, Decressonniere, E. Bos, J. W. Tuylor, Morienni, Desseryne, J. H. Carroll, E. C. Wakefield, A. Westhoff, H. Kingston, L. Lenagord and Burjorjee.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED. Per P. & O. Steamer Mooltan, connecting with the steamer Devanha at Colombo. From London, Dec. 18-to Hongkong: Messrs R. M. McDouald and D. M. Stevenson. From Marseilles, to Hongkong: Messra M. Fletcher and R. M. Dyer. From Port Said, to Hongkong,

Mr and Mrs J. B. Rodger. Per P. & O. str. Nove from London, Dec. 19to Hongkong: Lieut. and Mrs H. D. Collison Mosley and child, Major and Mrs H. R. Adair, Mr A. Lang, Miss V. Brantingham. Mr and Mrs G. A. Walker and children, Mrs M. A. Day, Miss W. E. A. Johnstone, Mr J. E. Hacking, Mr and Mrs G. Fowler, Mr and Mrs H. Shiers, Eng. W. S. L. Collins, Eng. Sub. Lieut. F. B. Jaques.

Per P. & O. steamer China, connecting with the steamer Britannia at Colombo. From London Jan. 1, 1909-to Hongkoug: Bishop Price, Miss Craig, Miss Skegg, Mesars E. S. Griffith and J. Grant.

Per P. & O. steamer Palawan from London Jan 2-to Hongkong: Mr W. Mackay, Miss M. J. Park, Mr P. T. Lamble, Mrs Royle and ohild.

Per P. & O. steamer Moldavia connecting Mr. H. W. Booth with the steamer Delhi at Colombo. From Mr R. C. Burgess London Jan. 15-to Hongkong, Miss McGregor, M. W. H. Bur

Per Imperial German Mail steamer Lutzow from Antwerp Dec. 3 to Hongkong: Mr C. Sir James and Lady Christensen. Erom Southampton Dec. 8 to Visa Fredite Hongkong : Mr T. Keri, Mr and Mrs R. H. A. Dr. Felvus

Craig and child, Miss Craig. From Genoa Dec. Mr. E. H. Foster 17-to Hongkong : Rev. Kriele, Rev. Rohrig, Mr. & Mre. P. F. Gibson Mr and Mrs A. Rombach, Mr L. Hallward, a d child From Colombo to Hongkong: Mr W. C. Forbes, Mr J. R. de Luzuriaga, Miss Lloyd Mr. E. Hallows and Mrs Russell.

BONGKONG TIDE TABLE. From January 7th to 18th. 1909.

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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, January 6th. Previous Day On Date at | On Date 10 a.m. et 4 p.m. 29.88 29.97 Garometer Cemperature Humidity Wind Direction . Force ... Weather 0.10

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